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1. Prof. Karl Krejci-Graf, prominent Austrian geologist of the Soviet Oil Institute in Vienna, has just been ordered by the Soviet Oil Administration (SIV) to investigate deposits of uranium-bearing ore recently discovered near a granite quarry in the vicinity of Mauthausen, Upper Austria. Preliminary investigations have revealed that ore found in this area may contain sufficient quantities of uranium to warrant commercial exploitation. The Soviets have placed special equipment at the disposal of Krejci-Graf who is now conducting "coring" tests to determine the extent of these uranium-bearing ore deposits.
2. It is also reported that the Soviets plan to initiate similar tests at an unidentified site in the Ybbs valley in Lower Austria.

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